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FROM : Chief of Station, Guatemala

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SUBJECT: GENERAL— Operational

SPECIFIC— Information Concerning Recent Arrests

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There follows information which has reached this station concerning recent reported arrests and detentions.

1. Francisco ASTURIAS, 76 year old finquero from the Department of San Marcos, was captured during week 6-12 June 1954, brought to Guatemala City and beaten and later released.
Source: Relative of family and others, F-2.

2. José A. MIRANDA, director of Mundo Libre, was arrested on 11 June 1954. His present whereabouts are unknown.
Source: Guatemalan clerk employed in Embassy, F-3

3. On 10 June 1954 Concha ESTEVEZ, Secretary General of the Comité Femenino Anticomunista, stated that on 9 June police had arrested Col. José Arturo LIMA, Col. Jorge GUILLEN (both inactive Army officers), a Sr. Tornel Gonzalez, and Jorge del PINAL, an active member of the Partido Unificación Anticomunista (PUA). She also stated that Lic. MENENDEZ Rios, with offices at 10a Av. Norte and 5a Calle, was arrested on the morning of 10 June.
Source: Esconson-2 from Concha ESTEVEZ, B3.

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